

REMARKS

Claims 13, 15-23 and 34-44 are currently pending in this application, as amended. Claims 45-51 have been cancelled. Claims 1-12, 14 and 24-33 were previously cancelled. Accordingly, no Previously presented matter has been added.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has stated that the application contains the following patentably distinct embodiments:

- I. Claims 13, 15-23 and 34-44;
- II. Claims 45-50; and
- III. Claim 51.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.142-1.143, applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 13, 15-23 and 34-44, without traverse.

However, applicant also hereby reserves the right to pursue Groups II and III and the subject matter associated therewith in a divisional and/or continuation application(s).

CONCLUSION

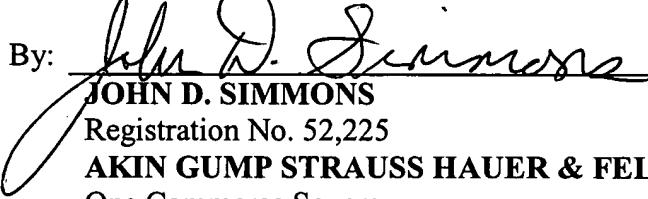
It is respectfully submitted that the present application, as amended, including claims 13, 15-23 and 34-44, is in condition for substantive consideration and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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